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The public part of the meeting was called to order at 4.30 p.m.

Organizational and other matters, including the adoption of the report of the Working Group on Individual Communications (*continued*)

Methods of work

Procedure for follow-up to concluding observations

1. **The Chair** said that the Committee had held extensive discussions regarding the procedure for follow-up to concluding observations in a closed meeting. The resulting decisions would be formally adopted at the current meeting. He invited the Committee to agree that the periodicity of follow-up should be extended from one year to two years.

2. *It was so decided.*

3. **The Chair** invited the Committee to agree that the number of follow-up rounds should be reduced from three to one. States parties would henceforth be requested to provide one single follow-up report and a second follow-up report only in exceptional cases.

4. **Mr. Shany** said that the Committee's decision should use the wording "appropriate cases", rather than "exceptional cases".

5. *It was so decided.*

6. **The Chair** said that the concluding observations on States parties' reports would be amended to reflect the Committee's decisions. The Committee would discontinue the follow-up procedure for States parties with a second or third follow-up report pending evaluation. Any such reports would be taken into account when considering those States parties' subsequent periodic reports.

7. *It was so decided.*

8. **The Chair** said that, although the report of the Special Rapporteur for follow-up to concluding observations had already been adopted, it would be amended to reflect the decisions made by the Committee at the current meeting.

9. *It was so decided.*

Procedure for follow-up to Views

10. **The Chair** said that the procedure for follow-up to Views had also been discussed extensively in a closed meeting. He invited the Committee to agree that grading would no longer be applied to the publication of the Committee's Views.

11. *It was so decided.*

12. **The Chair** invited the Committee to agree that grades would be allocated to States parties' replies regarding measures of non-repetition only if those measures had been specified in the Committee's Views.

13. *It was so decided.*

14. **The Chair** invited the Committee to agree that future progress reports by the Special Rapporteur for follow-up to Views should only contain information on cases that were ready for grading by the Committee.

15. *It was so decided.*

16. **The Chair** said that the progress report by the Special Rapporteur for follow-up to Views had not been formally adopted. The following amendments to that report would be made in the light of the Committee's decisions: the Committee's assessment would be deleted from communication No. 2231/2012 (*Askarov v. Kyrgyzstan*) and the sentence "Meet with the representatives of the State party during the 122nd session" would be added to its decision; the Committee's assessment would be deleted from communication No. 2099/2011 (*Polskikh v. the Russian Federation*), but maintained for communication No. 1304/2004 (*Khoroshenko v. the Russian Federation*), the decision of which would be amended to read "Suspend the follow-up dialogue with a note of 'unsatisfactory

implementation of the Committee's recommendation'"; and the Committee's assessment would be deleted from communication No. 2087/2011 (*Gunethithige and Gunethithige v. Sri Lanka*). He invited the Committee to adopt the progress report by the Special Rapporteur for follow-up to Views, as amended.

17. *The progress report by the Special Rapporteur for follow-up to Views, as a whole, as amended, was adopted.*

Announcement of Bureau decisions

18. **The Chair** said that the Committee had had a highly productive session. The reports of seven States parties had been considered and concluding observations had been adopted on the reports of Australia, Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Dominican Republic, Mauritius, and Romania. The concluding observations had been made public the previous day. They were available, in unedited versions, on the Committee's website.

19. The Committee had adopted decisions on 53 individual communications: 18 cases had been decided on their merits, 3 cases had been found inadmissible and 32 cases had been discontinued. Violations of the Covenant had been found in nine of the cases that had been decided on their merits. No violation had been found in the remaining nine cases. In accordance with a decision it had made in October 2016, the Committee had piloted an oral hearing for one communication.

20. The Committee had adopted lists of issues for Algeria, Bahrain, the Gambia, Japan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. The Committee had also adopted the report of the Special Rapporteur for follow-up to concluding observations and the progress report by the Special Rapporteur for follow-up to Views.

21. The second reading of general comment No. 36 on the right to life had begun. The Committee had held a special informal meeting with States parties, in view of the fact that the Fifth Committee would soon be considering the allocation of resources to support the treaty body system within the proposed programme budget for the 2018/19 biennium, pursuant to General Assembly resolution No. 68/268.

22. The minutes of the Bureau's meetings had been circulated. He took it that the Committee wished to adopt the Bureau's minutes, recommendations and decisions.

23. *It was so decided.*

Closure of the session

24. **The Chair** thanked the many people whose hard work had made a productive session possible in spite of the continued staffing issues affecting the secretariat, including a high turnover. He declared the 121st session of the Human Rights Committee closed.

The meeting rose at 4.45 p.m.